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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph 0016 beginning on page 5 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

[0016] Figure 1b is a graphical schematic representation of a section of the prior art grating based switching/routing optical system of Fig. 4a <u>la;</u>